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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
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TO ADDRESS

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AN URGENT APPEAL TO YOU IN THE PRESENT CRITICAL SITUATION. THESE  
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AND SECURITY ALL CONCERNED SHOULD REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION WHICH  
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IN THEIR VIEW IT IS URGENT THAT THERE

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SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ENLIGHTEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO GET TOGETHER  
WITH A VIEW TO RESOLVING THE PRESENT CRISIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND  
NORMALIZING THE SITUATION IN THE CARIBBEAN. THIS INVOLVES ON THE  
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FOR WHATEVER SERVICES I MAY BE ABLE TO PERFORM. I URGENTLY APPEAL TO  
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